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1. The construction of the New Klement Gottwald Foundry (Nova hut Klementa Gottwalda), Kuncice, started in 1950, and in the same year a new pipe-rolling mill and one blast furnace were already in operation. Another blast furnace, a steel works and a foundry were put in operation in 1951. The foundry is still under construction.
2. The new foundries lie south of Slezska Ostrava near the village of Kuncice. In the north the site reaches to the Kuncice-Radvanice highway, and in the west to the Slezska Ostrava-Kuncice railroad line, along which flows the Ostravice River. The southern border is not yet distinctly marked. The site along the railroad track is approximately 14 km. long and 10 km. wide.
3. A railroad siding connects the building site of the new foundries with the railroad line to Vitkovice. A building for the new steel works was erected approximately 1 to 1½ km. from the bridge over the Ostravice River, near the north side of the railroad line. This building is of ferro-concrete, 500 x 300 meters. Although it is still under construction, it is already in operation. These steel works have some 11 steel furnaces. Work goes on in three shifts. A short railroad track connects the steel works with the Pipe Rolling Mill No. 2. The latter is also of ferro-concrete, 300 x 50 meters.
4. Pipe Rolling Mill No. 2 extends from north to south. The railroad track runs through the northern part. This building has a receiving platform. It contains a zinc-plating shop, 50 x 50 meters, equipped with one zinc-plating tub and a machine for zinc-plating of pipes. On the west side is the turning shop, equipped with 20 lathes. This shop is approximately 70 meters long. Next to it on the east side is the pipe-coupling shop, which manufactures couplings to

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connect pipes. The shop has seven machines, which cut threads into the couplings. Near this is a 30 meters long pressing shop with two electric presses. Next to the pressing shop is the tempering shop, equipped with one tempering furnace, which is constantly in operation. Further on is the pipe store, approximately 80 meters long. Next follows a row of offices of the personnel department, of the ROH (Revolutionary Trade Union Movement), and of the administration. Near the store is a rolling installation, which is a combination of the Mannesmann and Stiefel types. Seamless pipes, 62 to 165 mm. in diameter, and 15 meters long, are manufactured here. Output varies as the installation is not in continuous operation. The norm varies, according to the diameter of the pipe, from 230 to 360 pipes in one shift, i.e., 8 hours. The installation, together with the furnace, is operated by 30 people, all men. A special turning shop manufactures spare parts for use in the rolling mill. With the aid of this shop, Rolling Mill No. 2 can have its machinery repaired inside the plant. Next to it is an electric and autogenous welding shop. Another railroad track runs through the center of the whole building, which is approximately 14 meters high and has a glass roof.

5. The plant produces seamless pipes 62 to 165 mm. in diameter, and 15 meters long. The thickness of the walls varies, according to order. The plant also manufactures pipes chiefly for oil drilling, 135 mm. in diameter, wall thickness 16 mm., length 15 meters, trade mark Rotar. Besides these it manufactures smaller quantities of drainage pipe, over 135 mm. in diameter. Capacity of the new machines was not determined.
6. In 1953 the Five-Year Plan was being fulfilled only 89%. The nonfulfillment was caused by new machinery and a shortage of gas. The norms are very high.
7. There are some 600 to 700 employees, 60% of whom are women. There is a shortage of qualified workers. Work goes on in three shifts, each of eight hours.
8. The main entrance leads through the offices, where there is a gatekeeper's room. There are, however, several other entrances which are not controlled.
9. Some 200 meters east of the pipe-rolling mill and 50 meters south of the railroad track, two other buildings are under construction. Their foundations were completed in April 1953. One of them was 120 x 60 meters, the other, smaller, 80 x 40 meters.
10. The building of the military and security headquarters of the works lies some 200 meters south of the railroad siding and 300 meters east of the pipe-rolling mill. It is 60 x 20 meters and has five floors. It contains offices of the security and military departments; records are kept on all newcomers to the Kuncice area, who are required to write down their curriculum vitae and asked whether they have any relatives abroad and if so, whether they are in touch with them. They do not have to sign these records.
11. Two new blast furnaces, approximately 35 meters high, lie some 3,500 meters east of the Ostravice River and some 1,500 meters north of the Kuncice-Vitkovice railroad track.
12. Workers commute to work from a temporary railroad station near Vitkovice, situated not far from the sports stadium, on the east side of the Ostrava-Hrabuvka road. The train stops between the pipe rolling mill and the steel works. There are probably other stops on the above route.

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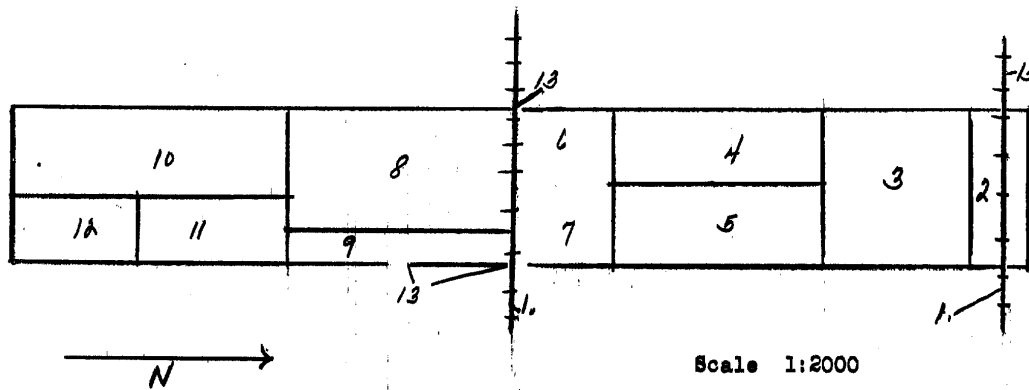
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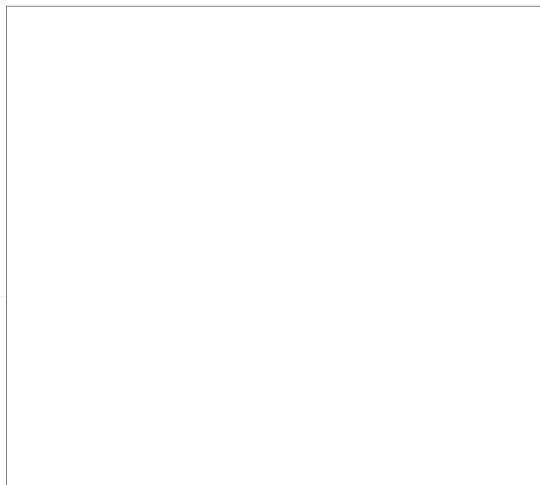
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New Klement Gottwald Foundry, Kuncice:
DiagramDescription of Pipe Rolling Mill No. 2.

1. Private railroad track.
2. Receiving platform.
3. Zinc-plating shop.
4. Turning shop.
5. Pipe-coupling manufacturing shop.
6. Pressing shop.
7. Tempering shop.
8. Storage of pipes.
9. Personnel department and offices of the ROH and the works administration.
10. Rolling track.
11. Special turning shop.
12. Electric and autogenous welding shop.
13. Not identified. Comment: Presumably the uncontrolled entrances mentioned in paragraph 8 above.)

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